The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integreated Education for the Disabled Children (IEDC) endeavours to achieve the integration of children with disabilities of mild to moderate nature in normal schools. Under this Scheme, 100% financial assistance is provided to State Government/ UTs/NGOs for transport facilities, books and stationery, uniform, instructional material, assistive equipments, readers facilities for the visually handicapped, attendant facility for the orthopaedically handicapped, special teacher facility, hostel facility for disabled children situated on school campus, removal of architectural barriers in schools etc. An outlay of Rs. 45.00 crore has been provided during 2005-06 for this purpose.

Ranking of Higher Educational Institutions

763. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the world ranking of higher educational institutions prepared by the Shanghai Jiao Tong University;

(b) if so, the details of global and regional ranking of Indian Institutions;

(c) whether Government find the criteria used in such ranking generally crediable;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the same has been communicated to the organization;

(f) whether Government propose to implement similar ranking criteria in the country; and

(g) whether Government have a credible roadmap to improve the ranking of Indian institutions in mid term, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Government not being associated with the exercise can not comment on the exercise.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

(g) Indian colleges/universities are being graded by the organization like National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and National Board of Accreditation (NBA).

Campus of Higher Educational Institutes

764. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of higher educational institutions funded by Government that have requested for-opening a campus outside India; and

(b) the details of requests acceded to/turned down by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Only one Institution namely, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore is currently examining the viability of setting up a campus abroad. Memorandum of Association (MoA) of IIM, Bangalore does not empower it to establish campuses abroad. The Institute will have to suitably amend its MoA, as per procedure, before the Government can take any action in this regard.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Punjab

765. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Punjab as on date;

(b) the total number of posts of teachers and other staff lying vacant and the time from which these posts are lying vacant;

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government to fill up these vacant posts; and

(d) the time by when such vacant posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) 39 Kendriya Vidyalayas are presently functioning in the State of Punjab;